



**State of Connecticut
Department of Environmental Protection
Wildlife Division**

Applicant: _____

Project Title: _____

Town: _____

Date of Inspection: _____

Inspector: _____

Total Score:

CT DEP Landowner Incentive Program Ranking Criteria - 7/10/06

Site-Specific Criteria						
A. Focus Area				Point Value	Applicant's Score	
Select One	Site lies within the Connecticut River Watershed			5		
	Site lies within the lower Connecticut River tidelands area			10		
B. Presence of LIP Priority Habitats						
Select All That Apply	Property contains early successional habitat:		Old fields	1		
			Shrublands	1		
			Seedling/sapling woodland	1		
			Warm/cool season grasslands	1		
	Property contains wetlands:		Inland wetlands	1		
			Tidal wetlands	1		
			Riparian habitat	1		
C. Total acreage of property						
Select One	100-250 acres			2		
	250-500 acres			4		
	>500 acres			6		
D. Imperiled natural communities - as documented by DEP EGIC						
Select One	Site contains an imperiled community and the project will directly benefit the community			10		
	Project will indirectly benefit an imperiled community			2		
	Site contains a federally listed or state listed plant species			10		
E. Special Conservation Status: Documented breeding/occurrence of federal and state listed species						
Select All That Apply			breeding	occurring		
	Federally listed	# of species X	10	5	*	
	State endangered	# of species X	8	4	*	
	State threatened	# of species X	4	2	*	
	State special concern	# of species X	2	1	*	
*Multiply the number of species per designation by the corresponding value within breeding or occurring (no breeding) category.				*		
F. Habitat value to at risk species (not state/federally listed) potentially using habitat at project site						
Select One	Low			5		
	Moderate			10		
	High			15		
G. Current level of protection and buffering						
Select All That Apply	Property is currently protected by an easement or protected from development due to ownership status (conservation group, land trust, etc.)			8		
	Property is not currently nor likely to be developed			1		
	Property is currently a tidal wetland (state and/or federal permits required for development)			3		
	Property is currently an inland wetland (town permits required for development)			2		

H. Landscape habitat function and spatial relationship to protected quality habitat			
Select All That Apply	Property is adjacent to land protected by state or federal ownership, a land trust, or other conservation organization	4	
	Property is adjacent to land protected from development by a conservation easement	3	
	Property is embedded in a minimally developed landscape setting	3	
	Property is embedded in a moderately developed landscape setting	2	
	Property is located along the Connecticut River	4	
	Property is located along a major river (migratory habitat, travel corridor)	3	
	Property provides core/critical habitat to state listed species at risk	3	
I. Connectivity of habitat			
Select One	Habitat at project site connects to similar or complementary habitats	10	
	Habitat at project site has potential to connect to similar or complementary habitats	5	
Project-Specific Criteria (cumulatively rank all habitat in which this project is being done)			
J. Proposed project is a grassland project (other than wet grassland/meadow)			
Select One	1-5 acres	1	
	6-15 acres	4	
	16-30 acres	6	
	31-50 acres	8	
	>50 acres	10	
K. Proposed project is an early successional stage woodlands, old fields, meadows, or shrublands project - Indicate habitat type(s) on appropriate acreage line			
Select One	1-10 acres	2	
	11-20 acres	4	
	21-50 acres	8	
	>50 acres	10	
L. Proposed project is a tidal wetland habitat project			
Select One	1-10 acres	2	
	11-20 acres	4	
	21-40 acres	8	
	>40 acres	10	
M. Project is a freshwater wetland habitat project			
Select One	1-10 acres	2	
	11-25 acres	4	
	26-50 acres	8	
	>50 acres	10	
N. Proposed project is a riparian habitat project			
Select One	≤ 1 acre	2	
	1-2 acres	4	
	2-3 acres	8	
	>3 acres	10	
O. Quality of improved habitat/imperiled community			
Select One	Project will result in high quality habitat	8	
	Project will improve habitat quality	4	
	Project will maintain habitat quality	2	
P. Probability of project success (based on use of established habitat practices, feasibility, site conditions, etc.)			
Select One	Project has only a limited chance of accomplishing goals	1	
	Project has moderate chance of accomplishing goals	2	
	Project is highly likely to accomplish goals	5	
Q. At-risk species (includes plants)/habitat			
Select All That Apply	Project directly benefits a federally or state-listed species on site	10	
	Project indirectly benefits a federally or state-listed species on site	5	
	Project will directly benefit an at-risk species (not federally or state-listed) potentially on site	8	
	Project will indirectly benefit an at-risk species (not federally or state-listed) potentially on site	4	

R. Match availability and amount: Contribution of landowner and/or partnering organizations towards cost of project (in dollars or in-kind services)			
	match in dollars		
	match in in-kind services		
	25% match	5	
	26-50% match	10	
	>50% match	15	
S. Previous LIP participation			
Select All	Project is next phase of a multi-phase project	20	
That Apply	Project complements a project previously funded by LIP	20	
Stewardship			
T. Landowner commitment/Term of agreement - Landowner will commit to maintain project for: (5-year minimum)			
Select One	5 years	1	
	8 years	3	
	10 years	5	
U. Criteria pertaining to conservation easements			
Select All	Site lies within the Eightmile River Watershed	10	
That Apply	High likelihood of easement execution on the part of the partnering organization	5	
	Cooperating partner has an established easement program	5	
V. Rare and unique project attributes not considered above: Under unique circumstances, the Review Board may assign points to specific proposed project attributes.		Max 70	
		Total Score	

Comments and Notes:			